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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Bob A. Phunkulh

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 7 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 and 8-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 January 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/11/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

Figures 1-4 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 6-7, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (US 6,249,894), hereinafter Lin.

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Regarding claim 1, Lin discloses a method of controlling an wireless communication link in a transmitter of an wireless communication system automatically requiring a retransmission from a receiving party to a transmitting party, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting data by an initial coding rate and/or an initial transmission power value to the receiving party (the base station transmit data frame with initial transmission power, see col. 3 lines 50-59);

receiving a retransmission request signal from the receiving party (the transcoder in the base station determines whether to re-transmits the messages based on the received feed back signal, see col. 4 lines 6-15); and

performing the data retransmission by increasing the transmission power according to the retransmission request (if the stored message is to be retransmitted, the base station will preferably transmit the message at an increased power level, and if the first transmission occurred at a first power level, the second transmission will occur at a second power level greater than the first power level, see col. 4 line 21-27).

Regarding claim 7, Lin discloses a method of controlling an wireless communication link in a transmitter of an wireless communication system that automatically requiring a retransmission from a receiving party to a transmitting party, the method comprising the steps of:

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transmitting data by an initial coding rate and/or an initial transmission power value to the receiving party the base station transmit data frame with initial transmission power, see col. 3 lines 50-59);

receiving a retransmission request signal from the receiving party (the transcoder in the base station determines whether to re-transmits the messages based on the received feed back signal, see col. 4 lines 6-15); and

performing the data retransmission by increasing the number of multi-codes according to the retransmission request (if a signaling message was spread across multiple frames, and the entire message is required, the entire message will be resent, see col. 4 lines 49-58).

Regarding claim 6, Lin disclose the retransmission step is performed by maintaining the initial coding rate and increasing the transmission power according to the retransmission request (see col. 4 lines 19-26).

Regarding claim 11, Lin disclose the retransmission step is performed by maintaining the initial coding rate and increasing the number of multi-codes according to the retransmission request (see col. 4 lines 49-28).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

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Claims 2-5, 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

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to 5:00 P.M. (first week of the bi-week) and Monday-Friday (for second week of the bi-week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor **Chau Nguyen**, can be reach on **(571) 272-3126**. The fax phone number for this group is **(571) 273-8300**.

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